

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

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March 31, 2016



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## ADMINISTRATION

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training in April

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency services personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. As a member of CERT, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training.



Register [here](#) for the next CERT class beginning **April 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Whitten Community Center. For additional information, please call (714) 993-8135 or visit [www.placentia.org/CERT](http://www.placentia.org/CERT).

### Local History Lecture Series: *Orange County and Land Grants*

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee will be hosting the next featured lecture in the Local History Lecture Series entitled, "*Orange County and Land Grants*" on **Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. The most recent local lecture in the series entitled, "*Natural Disaster: The 1938 Flood*" was held on March 7, 2016. The audience was captivated by the interesting presentation. To view previous presentations, please [click here](#). For additional information, please visit the Placentia Library [website](#) or call (714) 528-1906.

### Follow Us At:



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 4/4 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 4/5 City Council Meeting
- 4/7 Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force
- 4/12 Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
- 4/12 Planning Commission Meeting

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at [administration@placentia.org](mailto:administration@placentia.org).



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Spring Fun Day

Spring Fun Day was on **Thursday, March 24, 2016** at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center. A total of seventy (70) children from the four P.A.R.K.'s Program locations received Easter baskets full of toys, hygiene products, and other goodies that were donated through the Friendly Center. During this event the children did various spring crafts, dyed their own eggs, decorated sugar cookies and even took pictures with the Easter Bunny! Overall the children had a great time and were thankful for everything they received! For more information on the P.A.R.K.'s program, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Now Hiring for Summer 2016 Part-Time Positions

The City of Placentia is looking for motivated team players to join the Community Services Department. Part-time positions are available in the Aquatics and Recreation Divisions. Position descriptions and applications can be found online at [www.placentia.org/jobs](http://www.placentia.org/jobs) or at City Hall. Applications may be submitted online or in person. Come join our team this summer!

### Parenting Classes at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center

Western Youth Services will be hosting parenting classes at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center (143 Bradford Ave) beginning April 18th in partnership with the Friendly Center and the Placentia Neighborhood Services Office. The six-week series will cover a range of topics including: establishing appropriate limits, understanding physical and emotional development of children, how to discipline without punishing or yelling, and techniques that help you maintain a positive relationship with your children. Childcare is available and a pizza dinner is served during each class. For more information or to register for the class, please call the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

### Adult Basketball League



Placentia basketball playoffs have begun. After some close playoff games, the championship matchups are set. Tu Sabes will face off against Tropical Unicorn Dolphin for the Silver Division Championship. Primetime will face off against the Regulators for the Bronze Division Championship. All of these teams have been participating in our basketball league for several seasons and next week's games are set to be very exciting. The City of Placentia is proud to offer an adult basketball league to its residents. The new basketball season will be starting up again on **Tuesday, April 26, 2016**. For more information please call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or visit [www.placentia.org/sports](http://www.placentia.org/sports).



## Pets to Visit Afterschool Program

On **Tuesday, April 5, 2016**, the afterschool program at the Whitten Center will receive a special visit from a furry friend! America's Family Pet Expo and OC Animal Care will be visiting the after school program as part of their "Pet Education" initiative. Children will have the opportunity to interact and play with a dog while they learn how to properly care for animals. This special visit is sure to delight the kids in attendance.

## Free Event for Dads and Kids

The Friendly Center and the Placentia Neighborhood Services Office will be hosting a FREE Father's Event on **Wednesday, April 13, 2016** at the Whitten Community Center. Dads and kids are invited to join us for a night of fun! There will be craft and game stations along with a "make your own pizza" station for dinner. Drinks and dessert will also be provided. The event will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. For more information or to RSVP, please call the Placentia Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

## I Heart OC Giving Day

The Placentia Community Foundation will participate in the second annual I Heart OC Giving Day hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation. The event will take place from **6:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2016 through 12:00 p.m. on Thursday April 28, 2016**. This 30-hour online giving day is an opportunity to donate to any participating non-profit organization. All donations are

secure and tax deductible and will be accepted only through the website at [www.iheartoc.org](http://www.iheartoc.org). The goal of this event is to inspire the community to come together and support the local non-profits for all the great work that they do. The Placentia Community Foundation is eager about participating in this year's event and hopes to advertise how valuable non-profit work is to our community. The Placentia Community Foundation offers grants to other non-profits every year to help support their causes. These donations will help continue the work of the Placentia Community Foundation. For more information on the event or on the Placentia Community Foundation, please contact the Community Services Department at 714-993-8232.



[WWW.IHEARTOC.ORG](http://WWW.IHEARTOC.ORG)

## New Exercise Equipment Coming to Parque de Los Niños

St. Jude Hospital provided an additional grant in the amount of \$50,000 to develop an opportunity for outdoor physical activity in a low income neighborhood. Parque De Los Niños located at 1701 Atwood Avenue is the site where nine pieces of exercise equipment will be installed. St. Jude Hospital has worked with several North Orange County cities to develop policies that will encourage healthy eating and active living thus creating infrastructure improvements that are designed to promote outdoor physical activities. The Community Services Department is looking forward to this new amenity coming to Parque De Los Niños in the coming weeks.



## Placentia Round Table Women's Club – 2016 Scholarships

The Placentia Round Table Women's Club will be presenting scholarships to graduating seniors residing in the Placentia and Yorba Linda area. Last year, over \$15,000 in scholarships were awarded to 17 students from five local high schools. Students attending a 4-year college will be receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and students attending a 2-year college will be receiving a \$600 scholarship. Applications and requirements are available on the Placentia Round Table Women's Club website at <http://placentiawomensclub.org> or by contacting Mary Kay McMahon at [5mcmahons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:5mcmahons@sbcglobal.net). The deadline to submit an application is **Friday, April 15, 2016**.

## City of Placentia Volunteer Program

Do you need Volunteer Service Hours? Be a Placentia *Volunteer*. High school and middle school students ages 13-16 that need volunteer service hours for graduation are encouraged to assist our Community Services Department staff with multiple activities conducted throughout the City during the summer. Placentia residents are invited to apply for the summer *Volunteer* Program. Participants will have the opportunity to receive on-the-job training and develop friendships. Come help out the Community Services Department P.A.R.K.'s program. Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2016 and reside within the city limits of Placentia. Applications are available at the City of Placentia Community Services Department located in City Hall (401 E. Chapman Avenue) or visit [www.placentia.org/volunteer](http://www.placentia.org/volunteer). The application deadline is **Thursday April 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Coastal Spa and Patio Store Opening Soon



Coast Hot Spring Spas is moving to Placentia! The new location at **735 West Orangethorpe** will feature a massive showroom of spa products, patio furnishings, fireplaces, saunas and barbeques. With the move, the 28 year establishment will be re-branding itself as Coastal Spa and Patio Store to better reflect the business. Follow them on [Facebook](#) or [visit their website](#) for more information.

### T-Mobile Store Coming to Placentia

A new T-Mobile retail store will be opening soon in Placentia at 1192 West Imperial Highway in the same shopping center as Porky's Pizza and the AAA Gold Exchange. Stay tuned for more information.





## PUBLIC WORKS

### Phase 2 of Catch Basin Inserts Project

The City received grant funding from the OCTA Measure M Tier 1 Grant Program and CalRecycle's OPP (Used Oil Payment Program) to complete the installation of fifty-six (56) catch basin debris screens located throughout the City. The City's consultant, G2 Construction, Inc., installed fifty-six (56) catch basin debris screens located throughout the City to reduce pollutants from entering the City's storm drain system. G2 Construction, Inc. had previously installed fifty-five (55) screens in the first phase last year. These new debris screens have been installed at various catch basins along the streets of Van Buren, Orangethorpe, Richfield, and Fee Ana.



Cherry Street



Lincoln Street

Urban runoff is a key source of ocean pollution, and water running off our properties picks up pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, and oil which go straight into the ocean. Thus, these grants are designed to fund projects preventing litter and debris that collects on roadways and in storm drains from being deposited in waterways and the ocean.

### OC Bridges Project Update

The contractor hired by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) is nearing completion of the reconstruction of Orangethorpe Avenue as a bridge to allow vehicles to pass over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway tracks. Chapman Avenue at Orangethorpe Avenue is now open to traffic.



The intersection traffic signals at Orangethorpe and Chapman as well as Orangethorpe and Traub will be set on a four-way flash. The intersections will be fully opened however motorists are reminded to treat a flashing four-way intersection the same way they would treat a four-way stop.

The Orangethorpe Grade Separation Project is part OCTA's OC Bridges Project, which will create seven underpasses and overpass, to separate the train tracks from surface streets along the busy BSNF Railway tracks. Kraemer Boulevard and Placentia Avenue have been completed.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Crime Prevention

#### Team Kids



On Thursday, March 24, 2016, the former Placentia Police Chief Smith and the Crime Prevention Officer visited Morse Elementary School to meet with the student leadership team. During the last six weeks, students at Morse Elementary participated in Team Kids Challenge. Through the direction of the student leadership team and Team Kids staff, the students organized three service projects. The first project was

collecting used towels to be donated to animal shelters. The second challenge was to bring gently used books to donate to the Cathy Torrez Learning Center. The third challenge gave students the opportunity to write letters of appreciation to the military service men and women currently serving overseas. Through each challenge the students at Morse Elementary School were successful in accomplishing their goals. A final service project was organized by the students to hold a carnival to raise money for endangered animals. The students held their carnival on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 during their lunch break. Tickets for the carnival were sold for 25 cents and the students planned and operated the carnival games. The students raised \$472.79 for endangered animals at the Santa Ana Zoo. The Placentia Police Department was proud to partner with Morse Elementary School and Team Kids to help the children learn the importance of serving others in their community.

#### Shred Day

The City of Placentia and the Placentia Police Department invite you to participate in Shred Day on Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or until capacity is reached at the Placentia Civic Center located at 401 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia residents can have their confidential documents destroyed on site for free by Shred-It. Residents will be required to provide proof of residency. There is a two box (banker box style or equivalent container) limit per household for destroying documents. Join the community in helping prevent fraud and identity theft by properly destroying confidential documents. For further information, call (714) 993-8117.

#### Love Placentia Video

View the Love Placentia Video, by [clicking here](#):



## Love Placentia Day

Love Placentia Service Day will be held on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. The event will kick off with a rally at El Dorado High School at 8:00 a.m. and then depart to different service projects throughout the City that benefit the needs of the less fortunate, elderly, veterans, schools, and City parks and facilities. Currently, the Love Placentia Team is looking for volunteers to lead different aspects of the service day. If you would like to hold a leadership position, please contact Marilyn Anderson at (714) 993-8225 or [manderson@placentia.org](mailto:manderson@placentia.org).

# L♥ve Placentia

If you would like to submit a service project for Love Placentia or make a donation to the event, please visit the Love Placentia website at [www.loveplacentia.com](http://www.loveplacentia.com). Interested participants can also sign-up to volunteer for Love Placentia Service Day using the website at the end of March.

## Significant Events

### March 26, 2016

After a short pursuit of a stolen vehicle, a Police Officer was able to apprehend and arrest the driver of the stolen vehicle.

### March 27, 2016

A Pit Bull attacked a 5 year old boy on the 600 block of Longfellow. The boy was bitten on the face and shook violently by the dog. The boy suffered a major injury to his face and was transported to CHOC hospital and admitted for surgery. Animal control responded and the dog's owner signed over the dog to be euthanized.

### March 28, 2016

A male subject was arrested after he climbed through a window at Kraemer Middle School and fleeing after activating the School's alarm system. Police Officers located the suspect on campus and he was subsequently arrested.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary



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## Weekly Executive Summary

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[www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org)

March 31, 2016

### News & Events

Orange County Fire Authority crews from Engine 56, Truck 49, Patrol 7, and Battalion 6, participated in an *Every 15 Minutes* program at San Juan Hills High School on March 29. CHP, OCSD, Mission Hospital, FADD, TIP, and O'Connor Mortuary participated in the mock DUI demonstration as well. The program is aimed at showing high school students the dangers and consequences of drinking or texting while driving. The *Every 15 Minutes* program will be featured at several other high schools throughout Orange County in the next few months. Check out some [pictures](#) from the event and read more in the [Capistrano Dispatch](#) article.

Orange County Fire Authority Academy 42 recruits are working hard as they get closer to their May 11 graduation. [Here is a short video](#) of just a small portion of the rigorous training the recruits undergo.

OCFA distributes a monthly video newsletter to all OCFA personnel to keep crews and staff up-to-date on recent incidents and current topics within OCFA. The Video Newsletter for [March 2016](#) is now available to view.

OCFA recently partnered with [PulsePoint](#) to help save lives. If you haven't done so already, please be sure to like/follow/visit the OCFA [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages to keep up to date on things like the PulsePoint launch, recent incidents, and safety campaigns. We have personalized the PulsePoint PSA for each of our member cities and the video will be shared on the cities social media/websites.

### \*Weekly Media Clips

[OCFA Weekly News Coverage](#)

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### Board Action

For Board agendas, please visit <http://www.ocfa.org> and click on "Board Agendas/Minutes."

### Weekly Update on Response and Preparedness

[Weekly Fire Activity Report](#): This is a regular status update of available OCFA resources and a list of OCFA out of County resources jurisdiction and a list of out of county resources.

**Weather Outlook:** *Normal to Above Normal Temperatures for April 1 – April 8.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

**Fire Outlook –Dry:** Little or no risk of large fires in the absence of a "High Risk" event. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



## Community Events

- Crew from Station 61 (A Shift) attended the **Buena Park** Eggstravaganza at Boisseranc Park. The event was on March 26 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crews from Engine 17 and Truck 17 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen attended the Spring Event at Oak Knoll Park in **Cypress**. The event was on March 26 from 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Crew from Station 55 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Le Port School in **Irvine**. The program was on March 25 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Station 4 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of international students visiting **Irvine**. The program was on March 25 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 36 (A Shift) participated in a Team Kids event at Springbrook Elementary in **Irvine**. The event was on March 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 58 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local preschool students from **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on March 25 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 58 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from Presbyterian Church of the Masters Preschool in **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on March 30 from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
- Crew from Truck 49 (A Shift) participated in the “Touch a Truck” event at the Bunny Blast community event. The event was on March 26 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Chapparosa Park in **Laguna Niguel**.
- Crew from Engine 54 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at **Lake Forest Elementary**. The program was on March 25 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Community Education Specialist Polly Bowen provided a disaster preparedness presentation to a group of residents from the **Lake Forest** Community Association. The program was on March 31 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Crew from Station 45 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from the California School of English in **Rancho Santa Margarita**. The program was on March 30 from 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 59 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Marblehead Elementary in **San Clemente**. The program was on March 31 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Community Education Specialist Alexa Pratt participated in a Safety Expo at Leisure World in **Seal Beach**. The event was on March 26 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



- Crew from Station 46 (A Shift) attended the **Stanton** Easter Egg Hunt. The event was on March 26 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crews from Engine 21 and Truck 43 (A Shift) and Community Education Specialist Martha Espiritu attended the community Easter Egg Hunt at **Tustin** Sports Park. The event was on March 26 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 55 (A Shift) participated in an Easter Egg Hunt at Stonegate Elementary in **Tustin**. The event was on March 26 from 10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Crew from Station 37 (C Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Tustin**. The program was on March 30 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Division Chief Cruz, Battalion Chief McClelland and Administrative Assistant Diane Jacobsen attended the City of **Westminster** Spirit Award Luncheon at the Rose Center. OCFA Captain Ben Gonzalez was being honored at the event which was held on March 31 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



## Significant Emergency Incidents

### Irvine

**Roof Fire – March 24** - At 7:11 p.m. units responded to a reported roof fire on Duranzo Aisle in Irvine. Truck 6 arrived onscene of the 2 story multi-unit complex reporting fire from the attic, assumed Duranzo Incident Command, and requested a balance to a working structure assignment. Battalion 5 assumed Incident Command once onscene. Engine 6 was assigned interior and reported an all clear while checking for extension. The fire was called under control at 7:54 p.m. 11 adults and one child were displaced amongst the four affected units. One firefighter injury occurred onscene, the employee was escorted to a hospital by Engine 4. All city and OCFA related notifications were made.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Schultz, B5**

**Cause:**

**Under Investigation**

### Lake Forest

**Remote Rescue – March 30** - A Remote Rescue response was dispatched to Whiting Ranch in Lake Forest at 2:04 p.m. Park Rangers on scene reported one uninjured male hiker became stuck in a precarious position while climbing on red rock trail at the end of the canyon. Helicopter 2 was directed by a Park Ranger on the ground to the victim's location. Ground efforts to reach the victim were unsuccessful. Helicopter 2 reconfigured for a pick off rescue. Helicopter 2 was able to insert a rescuer to the victim and safely pick him off and hoist him into the aircraft. The victim was uninjured and was released to ground crews.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Harrison, B7**

**Incidents By Major Category  
for Period: 3/14/2016 - 3/20/2016**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	0	0	33	1	2	5	2	0	2	45
BUENA PARK	2	0	93	1	2	6	6	0	6	116
CYPRESS	1	0	43	0	4	4	2	0	6	60
DANA POINT	0	0	41	0	3	8	2	0	7	61
IRVINE	5	0	154	3	9	30	19	0	47	267
IRVINE - MCE	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
IRVINE - UCI	0	0	6	0	0	1	3	0	2	12
LA PALMA	0	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
LAGUNA HILLS	1	0	41	1	6	2	3	0	5	59
LAGUNA NIGUEL	0	0	59	0	3	3	3	0	11	79
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	85	0	7	3	0	0	13	108
LAKE FOREST CITY	0	0	51	0	5	7	5	0	22	90
LOS ALAMITOS	0	0	25	1	0	2	1	0	1	30
MISSION VIEJO	1	0	124	4	10	8	3	0	20	170
PLACENTIA	1	0	44	1	5	4	0	0	4	59
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	0	0	35	0	3	1	1	0	0	40
SAN CLEMENTE	0	0	71	0	8	11	2	0	11	103
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	1	0	47	0	6	3	1	0	7	65
SANTA ANA	3	0	286	2	10	34	14	0	90	439
SEAL BEACH	1	0	53	0	7	3	1	0	6	71
STANTON	2	0	58	0	2	4	1	0	6	73
TUSTIN	1	0	71	1	3	4	0	0	12	92
VILLA PARK	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	5
WESTMINSTER	2	0	96	1	5	13	5	0	11	133
YORBA LINDA	0	0	50	1	4	2	4	0	5	66
<b>UNINCORPORATED</b>	1	0	84	4	4	15	2	0	29	139
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1672</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>2404</b>